

REMARKS

Claims 5-9 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3 were previously canceled, claim 4 has been canceled and claims 5-8 have been amended by way of the present amendment. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 6-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph; claim 4 was rejected under U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,851,628 (Herrick); claim 5 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form; and claim 9 was allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

First, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the early indication of allowable subject matter in claim 5 and that claim 9 was allowed. In particular, claim 5 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. To that end, claim 4 has been canceled and claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the limitations of claim 4. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 5 and claims dependent thereon, are allowable.

Claim Rejection- 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 6-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph. Claim 6 has amended to depend upon claim 5, which is allowable as discussed above. Claims 7-8 have been amended to correct their dependency. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is moot and that claims 6-8 are allowable.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 4 was rejected under U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,851,628 (Herrick). However, claim 4 has been canceled by way of the present amendment and therefore, the rejection is moot.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or requires clarification, the Examiner may contact the undersigned so that this Application may continue to be expeditiously advanced. In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including any extension fees, to Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

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